

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: :  
Giovanni Meneghini, et al. :  
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For: NEW EXPANDABLE.. CELLS :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

The **Amendment to the Specification** is on page 2.

The **Amendments to the claims** are on pages 3 to 5.

The **Remarks** are on page 6.